

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for organizing content available from a plurality of locations for presentation to viewers, the method comprising:

storing a plurality of templates each identifying one or more locations at which

5 content is available and one or more transformation techniques to be applied to the content;

capturing the content from the one or more locations specified in each template;

transforming the captured content from each of the locations in accordance with the one or more transformation techniques specified in the templates;

10 inserting the transformed content into the templates to thereby create a set of content pages; and

distributing the content pages to the viewers.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein a first template of the templates identifies a plurality of locations at which content is available and a plurality of slots within a screen display at which content from each location identified in the first template is to be inserted, and wherein
15 the step of inserting the transformed content into the templates comprises inserting the transformed content into the respective slots in the first template for the locations from which the content was captured.

3. The method of claim 2, comprising resizing the transformed content for insertion into the respective slots in the first template.

20 4. The method of claim 2, wherein the first template identifies the plurality of slots through coordinates on the screen display, and wherein the step of resizing the transformed content comprises determining a size for the content based upon the coordinates for the slot.

5. The method of claim 1, comprising storing an album data structure identifying the plurality of templates and containing sequence data specifying a presentation sequence for the templates.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein the step of distributing the content pages
5 comprises distributing the content pages in accordance with the sequence data contained in the album data structure.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein the step of distributing the content pages comprises distributing the content pages in cyclical fashion.

8. The method of claim 6, wherein the step of distributing the content pages
10 comprises distributing the content pages in random order.

9. The method of claim 6, wherein the step of distributing the content pages comprises distributing the content pages in a single predefined sequence.

10. The method of claim 5, wherein the album data structure further comprises duration data specifying a display time for each template contained therein, and wherein the step
15 of distributing the content pages comprises distributing each content page for display to the viewers for the display time of the respective template.

11. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of capturing the content comprises generating a content asset list listing the locations identified in the plurality of templates, retrieving the content at each of the locations in the content asset list, and storing the retrieved
20 content in a memory device.

12. The method of claim 1, comprising encoding the content pages into a form suitable for distribution to television viewers.

13. The method of claim 12, wherein the step of distributing the content pages comprises broadcasting the content pages to viewers over a television channel.

14. The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of locations include Internet sites, and wherein the step of capturing the content comprises retrieving content from the Internet sites.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein the plurality of locations include locally accessible storage media, and wherein the step of capturing the content comprises retrieving content from the storage media.

16. The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of locations include remote storage media accessible over a network, and wherein the step of capturing the content comprises retrieving content from the storage media via the network.

17. A system for organizing content available from a plurality of locations for presentation to viewers, the system comprising:

a memory system storing a plurality of templates each identifying one or more locations at which content is available and one or more transformation techniques to be applied to the content;

a capture engine for capturing the content from the one or more locations specified in each template;

a display engine for transforming the captured content from each of the locations in accordance with the one or more transformation techniques specified in the templates and for inserting the transformed content into the templates to thereby create a set of content pages; and

a controller for retrieving the templates from the memory system and controlling operations of the capture and display engines.

18. The system of claim 17, comprising a transmission system for distributing the content pages to the viewers.

19. The system of claim 17, wherein the memory system further stores an album data structure identifying the templates and an ordering scheme for the templates.

5 20. A computer readable medium storing program code for when executed causing a computer to perform a method for organizing content available from a plurality of locations for presentation to viewers, the method comprising:

storing a plurality of templates each identifying one or more locations at which content is available and one or more transformation techniques to be applied to the content;

10 capturing the content from the one or more locations specified in each template;

transforming the captured content from each of the locations in accordance with the one or more transformation techniques specified in the templates;

inserting the transformed content into the templates to thereby create a set of content pages which may be distributed to viewers.

15 21. A method for creating an Internet album comprising:

a. storing a plurality of templates each specifying one or more Internet sites, a slot for each Internet site adapted to hold content retrieved from the Internet site, and a transformation technique for transforming the content;

20 b. for a given slot within a given template, retrieving content from the Internet site for the given slot;

c. applying the transformation technique to the retrieved content;

d. entering the transformed content into the given slot;

- e. repeating steps b through d for each slot in each template to thereby create a plurality of album pages containing the content; and
- f. organizing the album pages into an Internet album in accordance with a defined ordering scheme.

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